

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Smith et al.,

Confirmation No: 1367

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Group Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: Irene Marx

For: Fermentation Process

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. Applicants also hereby request a one month extension of time to respond and authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1701.

Entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks and arguments begin on page 5 of this document.